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For Item #8

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From: ray klinke [REDACTED]  
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To: City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
Subject: OFF LEASE DOG ACCESS

I am opposed to off lease hours at almost all green parks in Los Altos. We have the least amount of “green space” in Los Altos in comparison to every other town on the Peninsula. I understand that the city has allowed an experiment at the Hillview baseball field. That area is somewhat enclosed and pretty isolated and more suitable to off lease than open parks especially at places like the North and South Lincoln Park. North Lincoln does have some width between Foothill Expressway and University Ave, but South Lincoln has very little width. South Lincoln is very much a walking park; you will see people, both with dogs and without, walking along the church parking lot all day long. There is also a fair amount of bike and car traffic, plus usage from church activity when Covid is no longer a threat. People picnic there, play catch or soccer with their kids and again, there is a lot of walking activity. Most of our neighbors in the Old Los Altos area and further into the hills use that South Lincoln sidewalk to go downtown; there is constant walking activity all throughout the day. There have been times, not frequent, when dog owners have allowed their dog to be off leash and they have been somewhat threatening to walkers including kids; not often, but enough to cause some walkers to pause. That South Lincoln area is just a narrow strip of grass bordered by a sidewalk, car parking, and the Expressway. It is just not conducive to off lease activity by dogs. You need a much larger “green” area if you want to consider limited off lease activity. Currently, I do not own a dog, but have owned three in my life; I do walk my kids dogs there when they visit. If you are going to allow dogs to run off lease, you need a larger and less people-traveled area to make that program a success. Lincoln Park is a very poor option for that activity. Thanks

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